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CORONAVIRUS

WHO declares global emergency

Spreading: U.N. agency reports the virus has been found in 18 countries, including in U.S.

By Maria Cheng and Jamey Keaten
The Associated Press

GENEVA » The World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a global emergency Thursday after the number of cases spiked more than tenfold in a week.

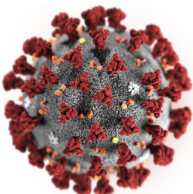
The U.N. health agency defines an international emergency as an

“extraordinary event” that constitutes a risk to other countries and requires a coordinated international response.

China reported more than 7,800 cases, including 170 deaths, on Thursday. Eighteen other countries have reported 82 cases.

Experts say there is significant evidence the virus is spreading in China and the rest of the world,

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Illustration of the coronavirus.

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March air base: Wahun evacuee quarantined after attempting to leave before full evaluation

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A Wuhan evacuee who was on the flight that landed this week at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside County has been quarantined after attempting to leave the base, the same day the World Health Organization declared a global emergency.

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Riverside County Health Officer Dr. Cameron Kaiser issued the order requiring the passenger to stay at the base for the entire incubation period, up to 14 days, or until otherwise cleared, officials said in a news release Thursday. The order was made because of the unknown risk the person poses to the public if he or she left before being fully evaluated,

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KOBE BRYANT CRASH



A STRUGGLE TO WEAR THEIR GAME FACE

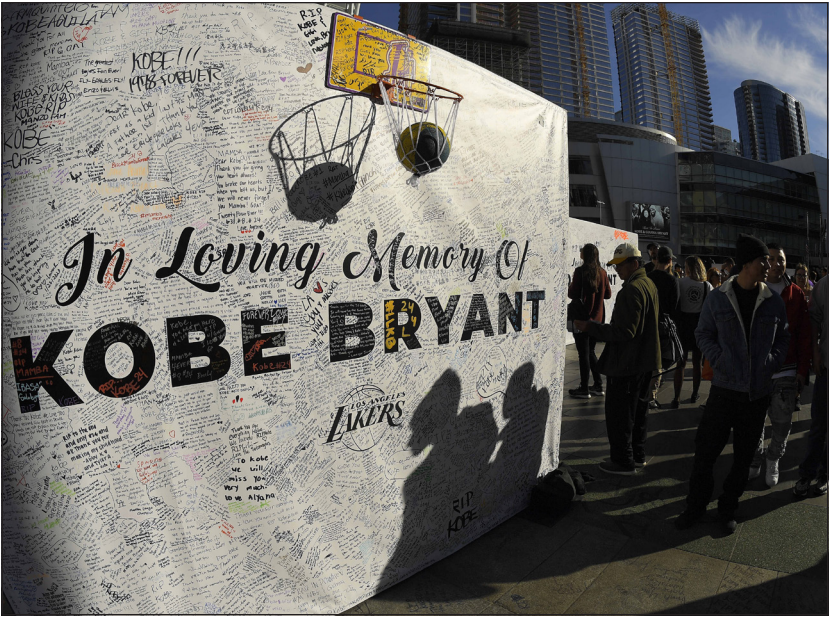
Amid their grief, Lakers to make emotional return to Staples tonight

By Kyle Goon
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EL SEGUNDO » It might well have been another night when Kobe Bryant was the biggest star in the building, occupying a courtside seat and flashing a mega-watt smile.

Portland power forward Carmelo Anthony wrote in an Instagram post on Tuesday afternoon that Bryant had called him and told him he intended to come to tonight's game between the Lakers and Trail Blazers. Anthony had been looking forward to it, and Bryant's previous two visits to Staples Center — alongside his 13-year-old daughter Gianna — had drawn standing ovations when their images flashed across the jumbotron.

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TOP: Lakers forward LeBron James, left, and guard Quinn Cook attend practice in El Segundo on Thursday.

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ABOVE: Shadows are cast on a memorial wall as fans gather at L.A. Live to memorialize Kobe Bryant on Tuesday.

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RIVERSIDE

Mayor bold in his final State of the City speech

Bailey ambitious in bid to fight homelessness, boost housing, business

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Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey gave a teary-eyed final State of the City speech Thursday that challenged all in the city to help solve homelessness while outlining a busy end to his eight years in office.

Bailey, who announced in September that he would not run for reelection in the March 3 election, highlighted accomplishments by others and outlined an ambitious agenda for the rest of his time at City Hall.

That could come after the coming election or, if no candidate wins a majority of the vote, after

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Bailey

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

Showdown vote today on witnesses as questions end

By Lisa Mascaró, Eric Tucker and Zeke Miller
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine said late Thursday she would vote to allow witnesses in President Donald Trump's impeachment trial, building momentum for the Democrats' effort to hear more testimony and increasing the possibility of a drawn-out trial the White House hoped to avoid.

But Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee said in a statement there was “no need for more evidence,” giving the

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